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In re Application of:
Christine A. White et al.
Serial No. 09/436,347
Filed: November 9, 1999
Attorney Docket No: 23522.0643

WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed March 7, 2001, requesting revival of the above identified application based on a timely filed reply to an Office action.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office letter to applicants on February 29, 2000, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. When no reply was received within six months of the Office action, the application was held abandoned by Notice of Abandonment mailed November 9, 2000. Applicants state that a reply to the Office action was filed August 29, 2000, including a request for a three-month extension. Applicants provide a copy of the reply and an Office date stamped postcard indicating receipt by the Office on August 29, 2000. In view of the evidence presented it is concluded that the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is hereby vacated.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**. The application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

No petition fee is required for this petition and the petition fee paid of \$130.00 will be credited to applicants' Deposit Account No.03-3975, as directed.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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